

REMARKS

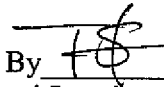
In the Response to Office Action mailed on October 8, 2007, the Applicants included new claims 9-12. New claims 9-12 were not addressed in the Final Office Action issued on December 14, 2007. In view of this, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Final Office Action issued on December 14, 2007 and issue a new Final Office Action addressing claims 9-12.

Applicants representative spoke with Examiner Pham on February 19, 2008, regarding the above issue. Examiner Pham agreed to withdraw the Final Office Action issued on December 12, 2007, and issue a new Final Office Action address claims 9-12.

Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 09669/041001).

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